



## TRANSPORTATION CABINET

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**Steven L. Beshear**  
Governor

**Joseph W. Prather**  
Secretary

### KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2008- October 28, 2008

WHEREAS, Governor Steve Beshear issued Executive Order 2008-824, dated August 5, 2008 relating to alternative electric vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary was to develop and implement standards by which certain alternative electric vehicles could operate upon Kentucky's highways; and

WHEREAS, many Kentuckians have purchased these alternative electric vehicles as a way to save energy costs and better protect the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph W. Prather, Secretary of the Transportation Cabinet, pursuant to the authority vested in me by KRS Chapter 174, do hereby order the following:

1. Alternative electric vehicles, including those with three wheels and enclosed compartments or cabs, shall be considered to be a motor vehicle as defined in KRS 186.010(4) and shall be titled in accordance with KRS Chapter 186A and registered as a motor vehicle in accordance with KRS 186.050.
2. Alternative electric vehicles, including those with three wheels and enclosed compartments or cabs, shall meet or exceed federal safety standards for motorcycles, as defined in KRS 186.010 (15).

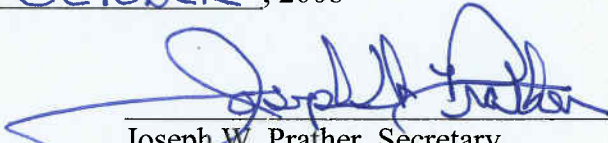


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3. A person may operate an alternative electric vehicle on a highway in this state if:
  - A. The posted speed limit of the highway is forty-five (45) miles per hour or less;
  - B. The operator does not cross a roadway at an at-grade intersection where the roadway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than forty-five (45) miles per hour unless the intersection is equipped with an electronic traffic signal;
  - C. The operator has a valid operator's license in his or her possession; and
  - D. The alternative electric vehicle has not been modified to increase its speed above its original standard manufactured limit.
4. An alternative electric vehicle operating on a highway shall be insured in compliance with KRS 304.39-080 by the owner or operator, and the proof of insurance shall be inside the vehicle at all times of operation on a highway.
5. An operator of an alternative electric vehicle operating on a highway shall comply with the traffic requirements of KRS Chapter 189 and shall be subject to the provisions of KRS Chapter 189A.
6. The above definitions and criteria specifically excludes golf carts and all-terrain vehicles.

The Department of Vehicle Regulation shall take action necessary to effectuate this Order immediately.

Signed this 28TH day of OCTOBER, 2008

  
Joseph W. Prather, Secretary